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My learning experience of English

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- Good Morning!
- My name's Lara Germano and I'm 17 years old.
- I'm from Uberlândia, Brazil.
- I study 'Letras' at Universidade Federal de Uberlândia (UFU).
- I live here with my parents and my brother.
- I would like to present my narrative of my learning experience of English.



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- I've been studying English since I was 8 years old.
- Until I was 13 years old I only studied English at regular school, but the classes offered were of good quality and I had a chance of really learning English.
- My school had an agreement with Cultura Inglesa and Centro Cultural de la Lengua Española so my classes were taught by professors of each institution, with the same material and the classes had the same length.



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When I turned fourteen, I started to take classes at Central de Línguas (Celin). I took a test and I skipped two years of the course, so I started my lessons in Intermediary II. In 2011, at the age of fifteen, I finished my lessons and only started studying English again this year, when I joined college.



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Central de Línguas

I started learning English because I always thought that it was an important language to be learned. Also because since I was a kid I wanted to become a polyglot. After I started my classes I fell in love with this language and I found out that I'm very fond of languages, so this year I started my French lessons. To me, there is a whole philosophy in learning a foreign language. It's like you're opening a door to a brand new world.

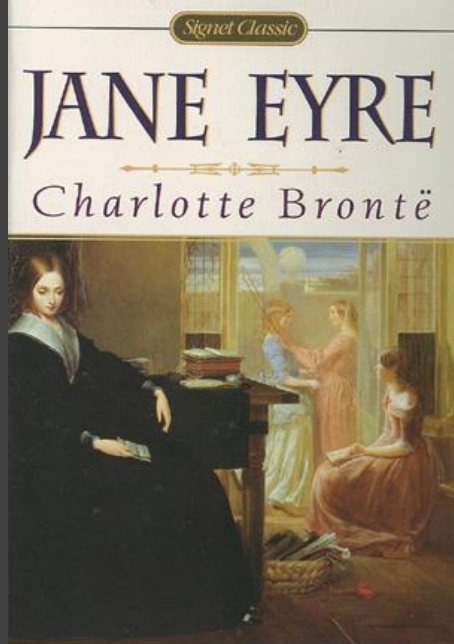


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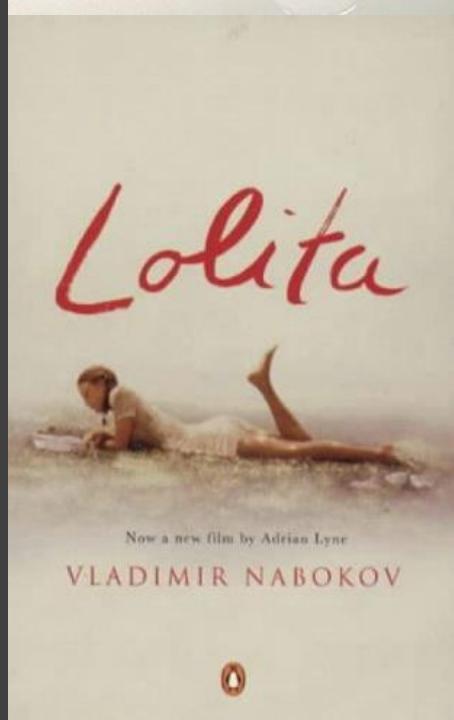
Oscar Wilde
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DORIAN GRAY



One of the things that I loved the most during my years at school was the books I've read. I had the opportunity to read *Romeo and Juliet*, *Othello*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *The Canterville Ghost* and *Other Stories*, but all the books were adaptations of the originals with a much simpler language. I kept the habit of reading and now I read the books from the original. I've read tales of Edgar Allan Poe, Henry O. and George Orwell and most recently *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brönte and *Lolita* by Nabokov.



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Other activities that I liked as well were the acting ones. When I was in sixth grade, my colleagues and I rehearsed *Romeo and Juliet*, but we never had the chance to present it. We also rehearsed *Much Ado about Nothing* and I got the part of Bianca. The students of the fifth grade presented *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and it was very funny to watch.



Today English is a part of my life and there isn't a single day that I spend without it. I'm always reading a novel or a text, watching movies and TV series, listening to music or at 9Gag, but studying the language *per se* is only for this discipline.



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For the future, I would like to take Cambridge's examination and get my First Certificate in English (FCE). I also would like to spend a couple months abroad studying English. I do believe it's going to be a marvelous experience for me to grow as an English speaker and student.

**Thank you for your attention
and have a good day!**